

Annual Expert Group Meeting for Registrar Generals (EGMRG) on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

NIGERIA

Digitalization of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)

Leveraging VITALREG for Sustainable CRVS
Country Case Studies: Digitalization Journeys

Plenary Session 4: Digitalization — Leveraging Technology for Sustainable CRVS
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THE CONTEXT — Why Digitalization Was Needed

Key Challenges:

- Manual, paper-based registration limited timely and complete vital statistics.
- Fragmented registration systems reduced data quality and interoperability.
- Rural populations faced barriers to accessing registration services.
- Weak linkage between CRVS, health, and identity management systems limited evidence-based planning.
- Digital transformation was initiated to support universal legal identity and strengthen national planning.

THE JOURNEY — Our Digitalization Approach

Nigeria's Digitalization Approach

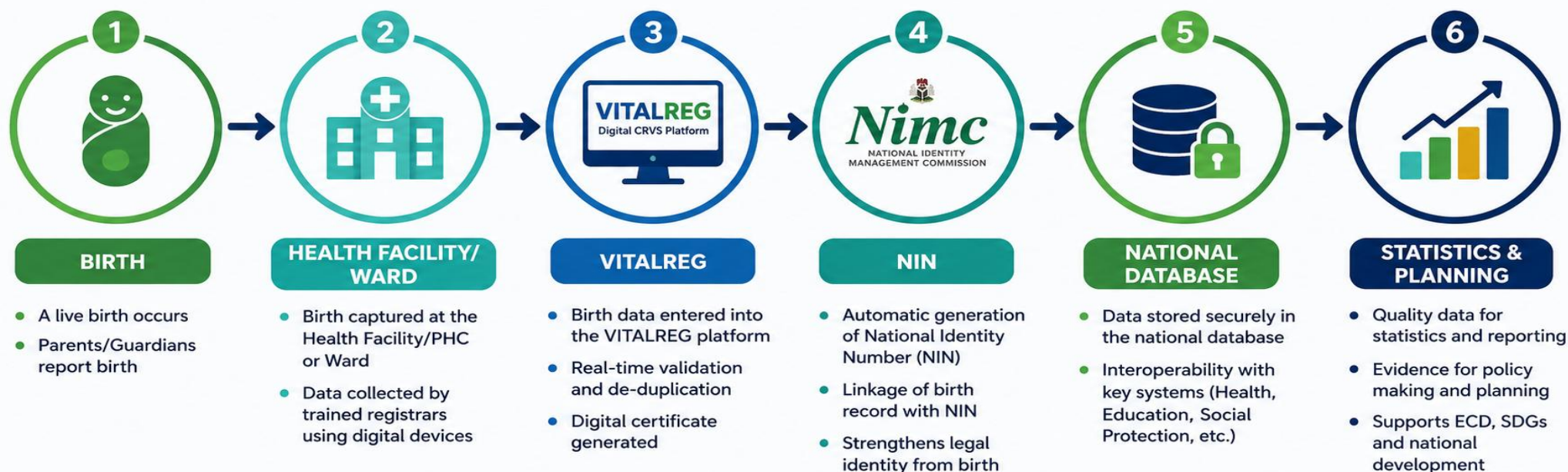
Include:

- VITALREG platform
- Digital CRVS Roadmap (2024–2026)
- Integration with:
 - National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)
 - Primary Health Centres
 - Local Government Wards
 - National rollout strategy
 - Digital ecosystem architecture

THE JOURNEY — Our Digitalization Approach cont.....

CRVS IN NIGERIA – PROCESS FLOW

From Birth Registration to Data for Development

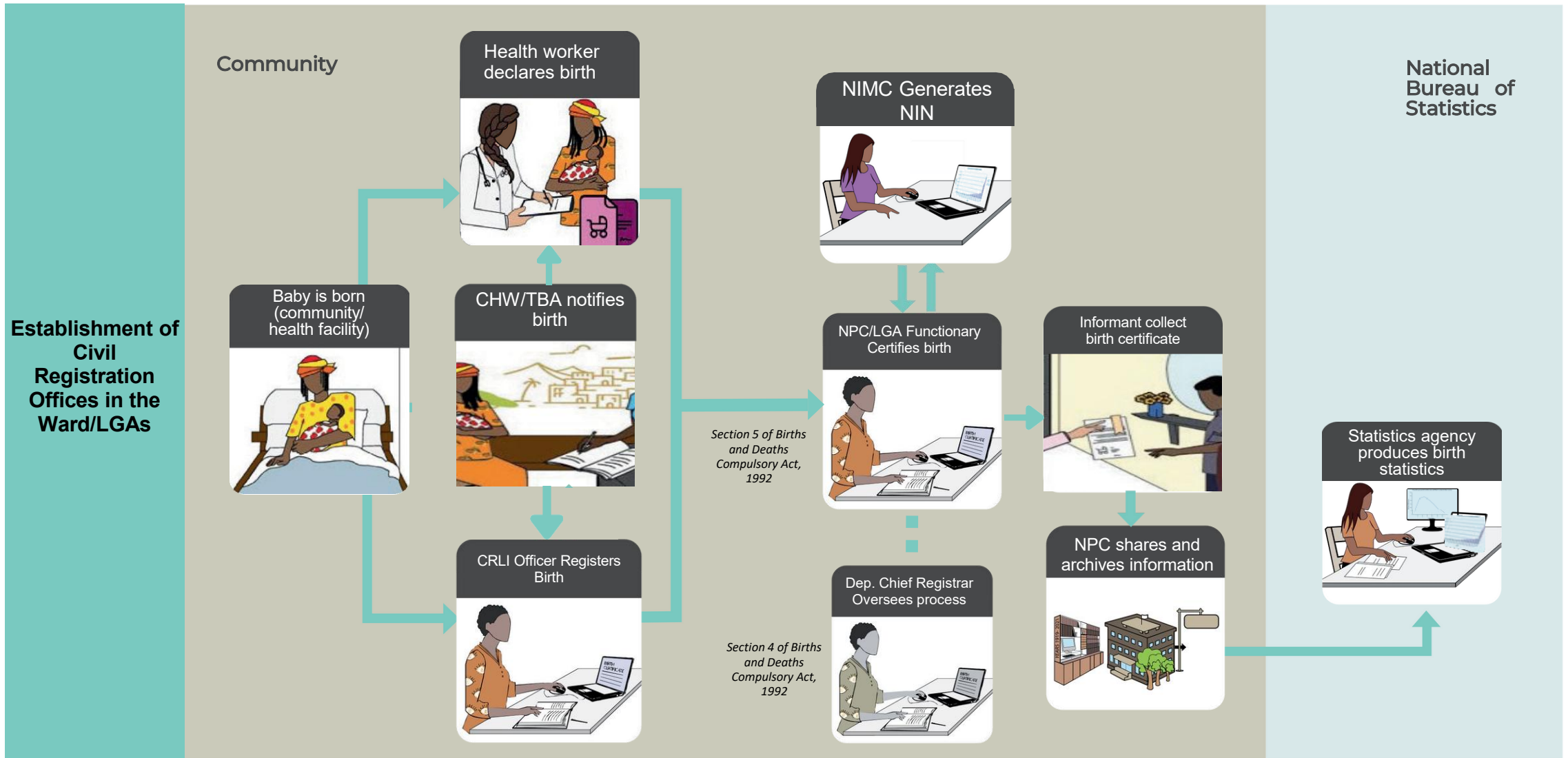


One child. One identity. One record.

Building a digital future for every Nigerian.

Leaving no one behind.

PROCESS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LIVE BIRTHS (COMMUNITY)



Enablers

Social Mobilization | Stake holders engagement | Digitalization | Business Process/SOPs/Capacity Strengthening
Effective Monitoring and Supervision

WHAT WE ACHIEVED — Results and Impact

• Highlights:

- Digital CRVS operational in 36 states but only 15 states have Ward registrars.
- 3,372 wards activated, before the end of 2027 NPC will double the number of wards (7000).
- 1,982 health facilities integrated.
- 304 registration workstations deployed.
- Birth certificates issued within an average of 3 days.
- Improved interoperability between CRVS, NIMC, and health systems.
- Stronger data for ECD monitoring and SDG reporting.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED — Results and Impact - births

- 14 million children registered in the last two years in Nigeria, significantly increasing legal identity coverage.
- Increased birth registration coverage through digital registration platforms and integration with health facilities
- Faster registration processes and certificate issuance, reducing delays associated with paper-based systems.
- Enhanced data quality and accuracy by reducing duplicate records, errors, and lost registration forms.
- Stronger integration between birth registration, health, and identity systems, improving service delivery for children
- Real-time monitoring and reporting of birth registration data for evidence-based decision-making.

LESSONS LEARNED

What Worked, What Didn't, and What We Learned

Five key lessons:

- Security challenges require adaptive field implementation.
- Offline functionality is essential in low-connectivity areas.
- Reliable power infrastructure remains critical.
- Capacity building and stakeholder coordination drive success.
- Sustainable financing is essential for nationwide scale-up.

LESSONS LEARNED: 5 KEY PRINCIPLES FOR FIELD IMPLEMENTATION IN DEVELOPMENT & AID

FIVE KEY LESSONS FOR SUCCESSFUL FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

1. SECURITY CHALLENGES REQUIRE ADAPTIVE FIELD IMPLEMENTATION



2. OFFLINE FUNCTIONALITY IS ESSENTIAL IN LOW-CONNECTIVITY AREAS



3. RELIABLE POWER INFRASTRUCTURE REMAINS CRITICAL



4. CAPACITY BUILDING AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION DRIVE SUCCESS



5. SUSTAINABLE FINANCING IS ESSENTIAL FOR NATIONWIDE SCALE-UP



WHAT'S NEXT — Our Vision for the Future

Vision for the Future

- Expansion to remaining 22 states – platform launched by the Chairman.
- Nationwide digital CRVS coverage.
- Real-time interoperability across government systems.
- Predictive analytics for health, education, and social protection.
- Support implementation of the Africa CRVS Decade 2026–2036 – work on a single of comprehensive strategy for CRVS

Key Message to Ministers (COM6):

Invest in integrated digital CRVS systems as the foundation for legal identity, inclusive service delivery, and evidence-based governance.



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of Civil Registration and
Vital Statistics in Africa
2017 to **2026**

Thank you

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